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(U) Ministry of Foreign Affairs East Asian, Australian and Oceanic Directorate Expert, Vera Stefanova told PolOff that the Bulgarian Government decided to extend 50,000 EURO in financial aide to the Burma cyclone victims through a relevant UN or EU mechanism on June 6. Stefanova said that Bulgaria shares U.S. concerns about the continuing limited access of international relief workers to the cyclone-affected areas in the country. Bulgaria's policy is fully in line with the EU policy of considering measures to exert further pressure on the Burmese regime to permit full access to international relief and assessment teams to the disaster areas in the country. Beyrle